

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA (SELA) URBAN FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT



- **Project Status**

Construction Cost

\$705 M

Construction Completion

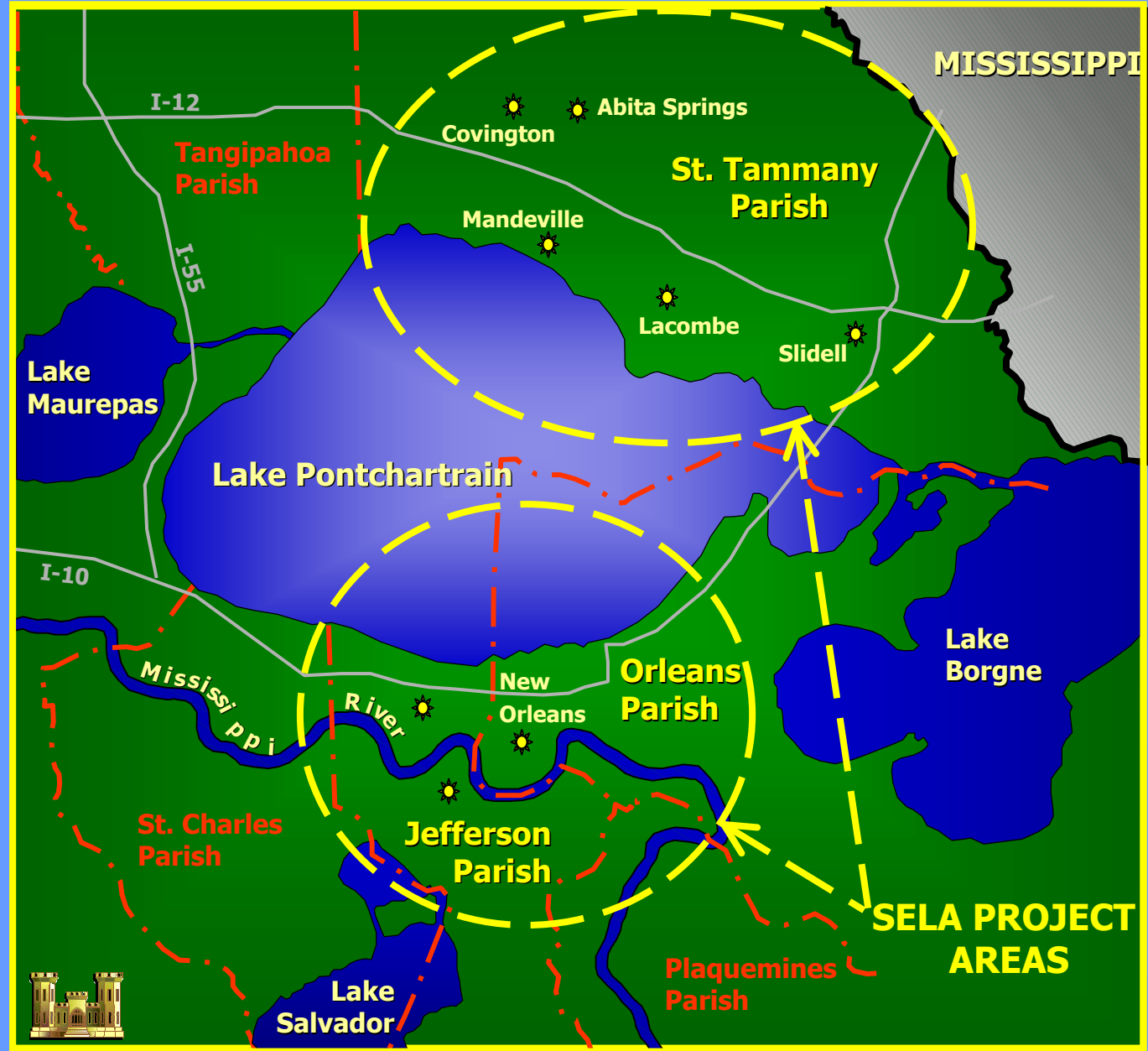
FY 08

- **Project FY04 Funding**

Required: \$80Million,
(including PAC work)

- **Project Issues**

-Funding Shortfall





Project Fact Sheet

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Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project - Jefferson, Orleans & St. Tammany Parishes, LA

PROJECT AUTHORITY: The project was authorized by the Fiscal 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (Sec 108), and the Water Resources Development Acts of 1996 (Sec 533) and 1999 (Sec 533).

PROJECT SPONSORS: Jefferson Parish Government is cost-sharing the work in their parish, and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is cost-sharing the work in Orleans Parish. There will be several sponsors for the St. Tammany work because the work impacts and benefits numerous communities.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed work is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River in Orleans Parish, and on the east and west banks of the river in Jefferson Parish. St. Tammany Parish work is located in the communities of Slidell, Mandeville, Covington, Madisonville, Abita Springs and Lacombe.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The channel and pumping station improvements in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes support the parishes' master drainage plans and generally provide flood protection on a level associated with a ten-year rainfall event, while also reducing damages for larger events. St. Tammany Parish plans will provide flood protection for various rainfall events, but also mostly focus on ten-year events.

PROJECT FEATURES: In Orleans Parish, plans are to improve five major drainage lines, add pumping capacity to one pump station, and build two new pump stations. In Jefferson Parish, plans include improvements to about twenty-four drainage canals, additional pumping capacity for four pump stations, and the addition of two new pump stations. Improvements in St. Tammany Parish include channel enlargements, retention ponds, levees and/or elevation of structures.

PROJECT COSTS:	<u>Total Project</u>
Total Project Cost	\$647,000,000
Total Federal Cost	\$481,000,000
Total Non-Federal Cost	\$166,000,000

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: Funds required in FY04 are \$65 million. Budgeted funds of \$16.5 million would be used to continue 2 contracts in Jefferson Parish and 4 contracts in Orleans Parish. Additional \$48.5 million could be used to initiate 2 contracts and continue 6 contracts in Jefferson Parish and continue one contract and complete 2 contracts in Orleans Parish. Additional funds could be utilized on post authorization changes that are pending approval in FY 03; Jefferson Parish (\$7.0m) and Orleans Parish (\$8.0m). Funds required for FY03 are \$51 million.

ISSUES: In authorizing the project, Congress expressed intent to have the critical flood control work accomplished as quickly as possible. The current budget funding for FY 2004 will result in termination of contracts and prevent the award of contracts. This will significantly increase the cost of the project, delay project completion and delay project benefits. The ultimate delay will depend on actual budget in FY 2004 and outyears.